

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

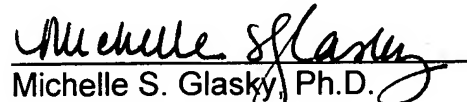
Claims 47-48 and 79-82 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 16 and 17 of the U.S. Patent No. 6,251,965.

Applicant respectfully submits a Terminal Disclaimer to Obviate a Double Patenting Rejection Over a "Prior" Patent. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 50-3207.

Respectfully submitted,

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